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Rev. Amos A. Phelps,

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paid to Am. &c.? Or, if they would let it go towards my expenses to England, so much the better. If you see Mrs. Ball - please speak to her about it.

Now, as to you going to England I do hope you will not fail. It is very important. —

In haste,
Yours truly,
H. B. Stanton

N.B. I hope see this, Some of the brethren have written to me definitely concerning the book. If not, do see that it is done at once. I am anxious to hear.

are about to dispose of the Concern I believe. Bro. Johnson will tell you all.

In regard to that private matter of my own which I told you of, I hope you have not let it out even to your wife. If so, let it go no further. If it gets abroad, it will blow up the whole thing. I told it to you only that you might see the necessity of my having some money. Don't let it get out. Rely on it, it is blown to the non if you do.

What has your Committee resolved to do Concerning the books? They ought to take the whole & raise the money on Brackett & King's note. Tell Rex further &c.

If I do not raise some money from those books right off, I must get $500 on good security. Bring down me $500. His note is good. I hold it. But, his means are in the West, & he cannot raise it before I go. Is there no one in Boston who will let me have this amount on his note Endorsed by me & Child. I must have it, or I cannot go — & if I do not go, I shall not be a double man. There you have the whole truth.

I have in my hands $45 from Chapin Sweat for the Boston Female A. S. &c. It came from Jamaica. Will not the Society let me keep it & credit it them as

Henry B. Stanton

31 Rensselaer Saturday P.M.

[11 april 1840]

Mr. Jno Phelps:

I have but a few minutes left in which to reply to your letter of yesterday. I have rec'd. no letter from Bro. Keeting. — [As to the annual meeting, our Committee are going to do their best to maintain the Society on its original basis by getting good men & true to the anniversary. They have no thought of giving up the ship till compelled to. Our only excuse for doing as we are doing with our Books, the Emancipator, &c is that it is utterly impossible for us to do any otherwise. We owe debts. They must be paid. We have no means to meet them but the property in our hands. We have no means to sustain the Emancipator — absolutely none. Rather than to let it go down, we made the arrangement we did. What else can we do? Surely the State Societies, & the abolitionists at large, to whom we have appealed in vain, ought not to blame us. There is no trick, nor, nor plot about this matter. The case is one of sheer necessity. We have, & can get, no means. — As to the next Annual meeting, I am for honorable dissolution, & new organization on the spot. In all these remarks, I speak simply as an individual — Committee no one but myself.]

I handed your note to Johnson. He will write you Monday. The Evangelist people